

Easton Street.

The Daily Standard.

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Our Iron Interest.

Of the long catalogue of resources indigenous to this Province, and more particularly to the island of Vancouver, frequently adverted to through the medium of the local press, as well as by essay writers and correspondents to friends abroad, probably the most valuable of those coming under the denomination of mineral productions, and at the same time the least taken into account, is iron. Compared with this one article as a source of wealth and means for the employment of capital and labor, our mines of gold and silver dwindle into actual insignificance. When the enormous increasing demand for iron is taken into consideration, and in connection therewith the fact that the existing sources of supply of native ores are taxed almost to their utmost limit of production, together with the increased value of the manufactured article, it will readily be seen that of all the mineral productions of which this Province is possessed none is of greater importance or likely to command a larger commercial value than the article of iron. By way of illustrating this subject we subjoin an extract from an address delivered by A. S. Hewitt, of New York City, at the second annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, May 21st, at the rooms of the Geographical Society, Cooper Union, New York. Mr. Hewitt said: "In 1855 I had occasion to trace the history of the manufacture of iron, and established what may be termed its law of development, rather rude indeed, but plainly dependent upon the growth of population and the spread of civilization throughout the world. At that time the annual production of iron had reached about 7,000,000 tons, of which Great Britain produced 3,500,000 tons. The consumption of Great Britain was about 144 pounds, and the United States 84 pounds, while the average consumption of the world was only about 17 pounds per head of population. It was shown that the consumption per head was steadily on the increase, and that consequently the annual production was being enlarged so rapidly as to double once in 14 years; and it was predicted after making due allowance for all drawbacks, such as the wars which have unhappily taken place in the interval beyond any possible expectation, that in 1875 the production of iron would surely reach 14,000,000 tons. The actual returns show that in 1871 the production amounted to 13,500,000 tons, and in 1872 the final 14,000,000 will undoubtedly be passed, so that the estimate made in 1855 is more than realized. Meanwhile the consumption has risen in England to 200 pounds, in the United States to 150 pounds, and in the whole world to 30 pounds per head. It is not possible to convey a more striking idea of the progress of the world, during the last 17 years, than this statement affords. The consumption of iron measures the progress of civilization, and it is impossible not to believe that the whole world will ultimately require as much iron per head as we now use in the United States, when a total annual production of over 70,000,000 tons will be required." The speaker then dwelt upon the comparative cost of iron in Great Britain and the United States, and the relative yield of the article in the two countries, and said: "But as Great Britain cannot possibly maintain her rate of increase, there does not seem room for a doubt that our annual production will reach at least 10,000,000, and will probably amount to 15,000,000 tons before the close of the present century. This means that 25,000,000 to 40,000,000 tons of iron ore shall be annually extracted from our mines, and that our coal production will exceed 100,000,000 tons per annum, required for iron and other branches of industry. It means that an investment of capital to the amount of \$500,000,000 at least, and probably \$1,000,000,000 shall be made in opening mines, erecting works, and supplying the requisite machinery of production." From the above our readers will gain some idea of the magnitude of the iron interest throughout the world, and how important it is to British Columbia that the extent and character of her iron resources should be made known abroad. Iron ore has been discovered in various localities east of the Cascade Range, in the form of red and brown hematites, and although the ores are rich and exist in large quantities, their great distance inland from the coast, and from navigable waters, render them unavailable at present; before many years, however, in view of railway communication, these beds of ore will become of great value to the Province. On Queen Charlotte Island, near the head of Skidegate Bay, an extensive and valuable bed of ore of the black oxide or magnetite variety, has been discovered on the lands of the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company. It occurs in a bed of clay slate, in close proximity to veins of anthracite coal. How far it extends has not yet been determined. Several assays of the ore have been made by the Government Assayer at New Westminster, and have yielded about 53 per cent of iron. This discovery, should it be as extensive as anticipated, must prove not only profitable to the owners, but of very great advantage to the Province. Magnetite is the most important ore of iron in Norway, Sweden and Russia, and Swedish iron from this ore is largely imported into England for the manufacture of the finer qualities of steel. The situation of this bed of ore in close proximity to a good harbor, and also to anthracite coal, suitable for smelting it, ought to commend it to the attention of capitalists. There is a great and increasing demand for pig iron in California and Oregon. The supplies for their numerous foundries have to be imported from England and the Atlantic States at heavy cost—freights ranging from \$10 to \$14 per ton—and recently the price of

pig iron has very much advanced. The superior quality of the Queen Charlotte ore would necessarily give it a preference in the markets of Oregon and California, and as the cost of freight on pig iron from Queen Charlotte Island to San Francisco would not exceed \$5 per ton, a market could be found for all that could be supplied. It is very probable that further exploration may lead to the discovery of other beds of this valuable ore in other sections of the country. With limitless stores of coal and inexhaustible beds of iron ore, what is to prevent this country sooner or later becoming a great manufacturing centre, a hive of industry and the home of happy thousands?

New Advertisements.

French Benevolent Society.

The above Society will hold their

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—ON—

SATURDAY the 20th inst.

Particulars will appear on Saturday

Fellows & Roscoe,

14 & 16, YATES STREET.

HAVE FOR SALE A FULL ASSORTMENT

ment of all kinds and sizes of

Iron and Steel,

COMPRISING:

BAR, ROD, HOOP, SHEET, PLATE, BAND, HALF-ROUND, ANGLE, R.G., NORWAY, SWEDISH, S.C., and GALVANIZED IRON.

CAST STEEL, PICK, DRILL, TWO INCH SPRING & FLOW STEEL.

ALL KINDS OF

STOCK AND TOOLS

REQUIRED BY

BLACKSMITHS AND WAGON MAKERS

COMPRISING

HORSE & MULE SHOES, ANVILS, VICES, SCREW PLATES, G. NAILS, NUTS & WASHERS, CARRIAGE BOLTS, BOILER & SLACK RIVETS, BORAX & SPOKES, HUBS, RIMS, POLES, SHAFTS, SPRINGS & AXLES.

WAGON LUMBER AND SCANTLING.

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INCLUDING:

TIN PLATE, BARTIN, SHEET ZINC, GAS & WATER PIPES, LEAD PIPES, SHEET & BAR LEAD, KETTLE EARS, RIVETS, PLAIN & CORRUGATED WIRE, PERFORATED ZINC BUCKET COVERS, &c., &c., &c.

A LARGE VARIETY OF

Agricultural Implements.

SPADES & FORKS, SCYTHES & SNATHS, CRADLES, HORSE RAKES, FAN MILLS, FLOWE & HARROWS, HARROW TEETH, REAPERS & MOWERS, HAY CUTTERS, GRINDSTONES, — AND —

Everything required by Farmers.

— ALSO —

FURNISHING AND BUILDERS' HARDWARE

IN GREAT VARIETY.

July 1st-4th.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

Mme. Petibean's

Boarding & Day School for Young Ladies

Will re-open on MONDAY NEXT, July 8th.

FAIRFIELD TERRACE, top of FORT ST.

July 1st.

Tenders.

TENDERS will be received at the Municipal Council Chambers up to 4 p. m., on Wednesday, July 10th, for the completion of the 'graveling' of Pandora street from Douglas street, commenced by Mr. M. Wells; according to specifications to be seen at the Council Chambers.

By Order W. LEIGH, C. M. C.

Final Notice.

ALL PERSONS liable for Road Tax in the District, are hereby notified that assessments will be made for collection of all taxes which are not paid by the 15th of this month.

W. C. RYFFEN, District Road Tax Collector.

Farm for Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED offers for sale cheap, his farm of 100 acres of land, situated in South Semich; 45 acres are under cultivation. The live stock, comprising 40 head of cattle and 40 sheep, together with an 8-horse power threshing machine may also be purchased with the land.

X. MARCOTTE.

Notice to Contractors.

TENDERS will be received until Monday the 8th inst., for the erection of a School House for the Trustees of Cedar Hill District.

The lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Office of the undersigned.

X. MALLARD, Esq., Government Street.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL.....£2,000,000 Sterling

Accumulated Fund, £3,286,169 Sterling.

Amount Deposited with Dominion Government, \$150,000.

Losses Settled with Promptitude and Liberality.

T. ALLSOP, & CO., Agents, Government Street, Victoria.

July 2nd, 1872.

New Advertisements.

AUCTION

MORTGAGEE SALE

—AT—

PARSON'S BRIDGE HOTEL.

Plummer & Pagden,

Are instructed by the MORTGAGEE under a Registered Bill of Sale of 31st January, 1872, to Sell on the Premises, at present occupied by Mr. Whittingham, at Parson's Bridge, on

Saturday, July 6th.

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Whole of the

FURNITURE & EFFECTS,

Wines & Liquors,

Brandy, Ale, Old Tom, Liquors, Claret, Cakes, Pictures, Chairs, Counter, Tables, Croquet, Quoits, Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

Comprising—Drawing-room, Dining-room and Bed-room Furniture and Bedding, Mirror, Painted Bed-room Set, Marble Top Tables, Engravings, Looking Glass, Chamber Sets, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Feather Pillows, and Bolsters, Blankets and Counterpanes, Mahogany Rocking and Other Chairs, Card Extension and Other Tables, Knives, Forks, Spoons, etc.

Carpet, Stove, and Usual Kitchen Furniture.

ALSO,

1 Mare, 1 Bay Horse, goes well in single or double harness, 1 Roan Horse, 1 Grey Mare, 1 Bay Colt.

ALSO

A Good Boat with Oars, etc., complete Croquet Set, Quoits,

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

TERMS CASH.

All Goods must be paid for and removed on the day of Sale.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN, Auctioneers.

July 27

TRADE SALE

Of American Custom Made

CLOTHING.

Overalls, Jumpers, Blankets

Handsome Trimmed

Hats and Bonnets,

Variety Under Clothing,

Socks, Hats and Caps, &c.

FINE & HEAVY CLOTHING.

Blue and Black Castor Beaver, Fancy

Cassimere, Silk Mixed, Stripe Cassimere, Harrison Mixture, Diagonal Cass, Brown

Mixed, Fancy Mixed men's and youth's

Suits.

Boy's Clothing.

Garibaldi's and Cassimere Suits, Equi-

quinox Brown and Blue Castor Beaver

Sack Coats, Secraucker and Brown

Linen Sacks,

HEAVY COTTONADE PANTS,

Double Stitched Denim Overalls and

Jumpers, Extra Heavy Fancy Striped

Cottonade Pants, Men and Boy's Suits

and Dusters, Extra Size Summer Suits,

Men's Heavy Duck Pants and Jumpers.

Pants and Vests.

French, Doe, Custom, Blue, Black

Beaver, Cassimere, Stripe, Molekin,

Exquinox, Grey-mixed, Harrison,

Brown and Diagonal,

FURNISHING GOODS.

Heavy worsted Stockings, Fine Merino

Half Hose, Cheviot Fancy Shirts, Grey

Flannel Shirts, Shaker Flannel Shirts

and Drawers, Blue Navy Caps, Black

and Drab Hats, Cassimere, Melton

and Embroidered Over Shirts, Woolen Socks

Linen thread, Hoop Skirts, Russia

Leather Satchels, Wool Shirts and

Drawers, Blue, Brown and Fancy Colors

Neck Ties and Bows, Pocket and Pen

Knives, Thread Ties,

50 Dozen

Handsome Trimmed Hats and Bonnets.

The above Sale will take place

at Our Salesroom Wharf st

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1872.

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT TO THE TRADE.

July 1 J. P. DAVIES Auctioneer.

New Advertisements.

DAVID GREEN,

FASHIONABLE CLOTHING

EMPORIUM,

GOVERNMENT STREET, next door to the St. Nicholas Hotel,

HAS RECEIVED PER Steamer California, A LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED

Stock of

Gentlemen's Clothing from the Eastern States

Of the Latest Fashion, Consisting of

YOUTH'S CLOTHING,

FINE CASSIMERE SUITS,

BLACK BEAVER PANTS,

FRENCH CASSIMERE PANTS,

BLACK DOESKIN PANTS,

BLACK AND FANCY SILK VELVET VESTS,

CASSIMERE BUSINESS COATS,

SILK VESTS,

FINE FRENCH MERINO SHIRTS AND DRAWERS,

FINE MERINO UNDERSHIRTS,

CRIMean SHIRTS,

BALTIC SHIRTS

OREGON OVER SHIRTS,

BEST QUALITY DAVIES & JONES' WHITE SHIRTS,

FRENCH & AMERICAN FELT HATS of the Latest Styles.

All of which I offer for sale at a small advance on cost.

July 29

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THE BEST AND CHEAPEST

CLOTHING

—AT—

CLOTILDE ROMANO'S.

The Largest and Best Assortment

of Ladies' and Gentlemen's

BOOTS AND SHOES

AT

CLOTILDE ROMANO'S.

LADIES ARE INVITED TO CALL AND

inspect the Large and Splendid Stock of

DRESS GOODS

AND

FANCY TRIMMINGS

AT

CLOTILDE ROMANO'S.

To the Creditors of the Queen

Charlotte Coal Mining Company

Limited.

ON AND AFTER TUESDAY NEXT, THE

2nd prox. a Dividend of Twenty per cent. will be

paid at the Office of the Liquidator, corner of Broad

street and Truncheon Alley, to all Creditors of the Com-

pany other than Shareholders.

Victoria, June 28th, 1872.

T. H. LONG, Liquidator.

JANION, RHODES & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED PER

"GUNGNER,"

And other late Arrivals

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

DRY GOODS

Which they Offer in Quantities to Suit.

PRINTS—A Very Handsome Assortment,

Good Qualities & New Patterns,

PRINTS—Wide and 9-8 Assorted,

WHITE SHEETINGS—32 & 36 inches Wide,

WINDOW HOLLANDS—Assorted Widths & Colors.

LINEN TOWELS—Assorted Sizes and Quali-

ties. TABLE CLOTHS & NAPKINS—Assorted.

COLORED TABLE COVERS—Cotton, Wool-

len and Worsted Damask.

BALMORAL SKIRTS—Embroidered & Plain.

GREY DRILLINGS & GREY COTTONS.

WHITE CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS—As-

sorted sizes and qualities in one

dozen boxes ready hemmed.

HOSIERY—Men's and Women's, Assorted.

MEN'S & BOYS' WHITE LONG CLOTH

SHIRTS—Linen Fronts.

CRIMean SHIRTS—New Patterns.

OVERSHIRTS—A large assortment of fine

qualities and large sizes.

FRENCH FLANNEL UNDERSHIRTS and

DRAWERS—Paris Made—a

very superior article.

PRINTED REGATTA SHIRTS—Assorted

Qualities.)

DUNGAREE OVERALLS & JUMPERS.

MEN'S MOLE & BEAVER PANTS.

HEAVY TWILLED & PLAIN GRAIN BAGS.

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